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NOTES

USSR-Berlin: The Soviets advanced nothing new and dismissed Allied proposals for improvements in Berlin at Tuesday's session of the four power talks. Soviet Ambassador Abrasimov said that the purported intention of the West German Bundestag to hold a working session in West Berlin had been noted in Moscow, and warned that any attempt to organize such a meeting could cause "serious complications." The Soviets also showed little interest in producing an expanded communiqué that would have served as a token of progress in the talks. Bonn had hoped that this would help to placate domestic critics of its own talks in Moscow, but Abrasimov's reticence suggests that the USSR feels under no compulsion to show movement in Berlin now for the sake of the bilateral negotiations. The next meeting will be in September, and Abrasimov asked that the Allies come up with "real possibilities" for an agreement at that time.

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